

# State of South Dakota

## SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2000

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### SENATE BILL NO. 11

Introduced by: Senator Halverson and Representative Hunt

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require annual training and testing for county veterans'  
2 service officers and to grant rule-making authority to the Division of Veterans Affairs.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 33-16-27.1 be amended to read as follows:

5 33-16-27.1. The Division of Veterans Affairs of the Department of Military and Veterans  
6 Affairs shall establish a training program for county veterans' service officers. Every county  
7 veterans' service officer employed under the provisions of this chapter shall ~~attend~~ annually  
8 complete the training program established by the division and successfully complete a test  
9 administered by the Division of Veterans Affairs ~~during his first employment period and prior to~~  
10 ~~each reappointment thereafter. The division shall establish periodic training refresher courses~~  
11 ~~which each county veterans' service officer shall attend and complete.~~ The director of the  
12 Division of Veterans Affairs shall certify training compliance to the board of county  
13 commissioners. The director shall recommend against reappointment of any county veterans'  
14 service officer not in compliance with the provisions of this section.

15 Section 2. That chapter 33-16 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
16 follows:

17 The Division of Veterans Affairs shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 establishing

- 1 criteria and procedures for the county veterans' service officers training program pursuant to this
- 2 chapter.